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SUBJECT: GERMAN AND FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL PLANS MEETING BETWEEN
GKR AND GRUNK REPS IN BONN

1.DURING LUNCH AT RESIDENCE DECEMBER 27, PRIME MINISTER
TOLD ME THAT GERMAN INTERESTS SECTION IN PHNOM PENH HAD
RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR BERENDONCK IN GERMAN
FOREIGN OFFICE BONN, INVITING KHMER DENTIST SUM VADHANAYU
TO ATTEND A DINNER HE IS HOSTING IN BONN ON JANUARY 7 AT
WHICH REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRUNK WOULD ALSO BE PRESENT.
LONG BORET ELABORATED THAT SUM VADHANAYU HAD BEEN USED ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY GKR FOR DELICATE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS,
AND THAT AMBASSADOR BERENDONCK HELPED ARRANGED LAST
ENCOUNTER WHICH LED NOWHERE (PHNOM PENH 12508). LONG
BORET DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD REPRESENT GRUNK AT THIS DINNER.

2. LONG BORET ASKED WHETHER HE SHOULD AUTHORIZE
SUM VADHANAYU TO ATTEND THIS MEETING IN BONN. I SAID
I WOULD GIVE HIM REPLY BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

3. COMMENT: AS DEPT IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, AMBASSADOR
BERENDONCK SERVED FOR LONG TIME AS FRG AMBASSADOR IN
PHNOM PENH AND WAS CLOSE TO SIHANOUK. SINCE HIS POSTING
IN GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE, HE HAS TRIED TO BE INSTRUMENTAL
ON PERSONAL BASIS IN BRINGING TWO KHMER SIDES TOGETHER.
I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO LONG BORET THAT HE FIRST
CHECKED WITH ME BEFORE SENDING REPLY. THIS UNDOUBTEDLY
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REFLECTS RESULT OF MY EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH PRIME

MINISTER THAT GKR SHOULD NOT ACT UNILATERALLY ON CONTACTS
WITH OTHER SIDE WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH US.
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